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## **ORI Countdown**



Days until the ORI

## **News Briefs**

#### **CCAF** Graduation

The CCAF graduation ceremony will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Columbus Club. Mr. Tommy Prude, President of the Board of Trustees for the Columbus Municipal School District, is the commencement speaker. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony. Everyone is invited. Call Education Services at 434-2562 or 434-2561 for more information.

#### **Physicals**

Sports and camp physicals will be conducted at the 14th Medical Group May 10, in the morning. Please remember that the physicals are good for one year so if your child will be playing any sports in the next year, be sure to schedule an appointment. If your child has completed a physical recently, it is not necessary to get a new one. To make an appointment you may contact the clinic at 434-2273 or book online at www.tricareonline.com and select the visit reason "school physicals". For questions or concerns, please contact 1st Lt. Kris Walker, Group Practice Manager, at 434-3316.

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#### Feature 10

A special ceremony was held Tuesday to pay tribute to the memory of our fallen fellow airmen

## We will always remember



First Lt. James Schmidt, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-10, plays "Taps" on the bugle as Maj. Dave Garrison, 43rd Flying Training Squadron, and the rest of the crowd pays respects to the American Flag. For more information about the ceremony, see page 10.

# **US SOUTHCOM** deputy commander offers advice to new Air Force pilots

### Airman Josh Harbin

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lieutenant Gen. Glenn Spears, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Fla., spoke at the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-08 graduation Friday.

General Spears, who graduated from pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz., in 1979, is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours in 13 different aircraft.

He spoke of the role of expeditionary Airmen and the US SOUTHCOM in the global war on terrorism and its efforts to engage younger audiences.

When asked about the role of the CCOM in national defense, he said, "We are respondent the U.S. and its interests sible for defending the U.S. and its interests throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We are also responsible for conducting security and cooperation activities in that region.

Issues facing the command's area of responsibility include poverty, crime and imbalance of wealth in

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#### COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II Squadron

Overall Track Select Sauadron 37th (09-02) 1.79 day -2.15 days May 14 41st (09-03) -6.41 days -5.46 days June 4

#### PHASE III

Senior Squadron Squadron Overall Graduation 48th (08-09) -0.21 days 0.34 days May 16 50th (08-09) -14.74 days -6.91 days

#### **IFF**

Squadron Senior Squadron Class Overall Graduation 49th (08-GB) -0.82 days -0.37 days

#### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft Required Flown Annual T-6 3,158 15,071 T-1 1,198 6,848 T-38 1,174 7,066 241 1,882

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Walter Givhan, Director, SECAF and Chief of Staff Executive Action Group, Washington D.C.

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# Air Force paralegal career opportunities available

Tech. Sgt. Tara White 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate Office

Would you consider joining us as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps? Did you know that as an [7] enlisted member you might be eligible to re-train into 7 the paralegal career field?

The Air Force enlisted legal career field, paralegal, has been in existence since May 1, 1955, and continues to play a very prominent role in The Judge Advocate General Corp. TJAGC's primary mission is to provide legal counsel to commanders, first sergeants and other key personnel on a broad spectrum of legal and quasi-legal matters. The paralegal's role is to assist the attorney in achieving that mission. Consequently, the paralegal apprentice/journeyman/craftsman supports virtually all areas of the legal office, including military justice, claims, civil law, legal assistance, contracts and environmental law. Within

these divisions, paralegals interview victims and witnesses, and draft opinions and documents. They also support investigations of serious incidents, such as aircraft, missile or rocket accidents.

To submit retraining applications, contact the employment section of the MPF. Minimum eligibility requirements include: The ability to type 25 words per minute, a minimum AQE score of 51 and no derogatory information in your records. For more information about the paralegal career field, contact the NCOIC of the Law Office, Tech. Sgt. Tara White at 434-7075.

## **Asian-Pacific Heritage Month**

The Asian-Pacific Heritage Month committee will be hosting a number of events during the month of May.

The first event, a food tasting, will take place Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. Lumpia, fried rice, pepper steak and pancit 🕏 will be some of the foods served.

They will also host a Luau Game Night May 30 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Chips and dip will be served and door prizes will be given away. Luau attire is requested for the event. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Eve Guidry at 434-7096.

# Thank you from our hearts

The family and friends of 2nd Lt. Matthew Emmons would like to thank everyone who has donated time, provided food, given flowers, or offered their loving thoughts. These acts of love have been encouraging for the family and friends to get through this difficult time. We feel blessed to be a part of such a loving community.

Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Johnson 14th Medical Operations Squadron



Job Title: Physical Medicine

Craftsman

Time at Columbus AFB: 3

years 4 months

**Time in Service:** 10 years 4

months

**Hometown:** Weyerhaeuser,

Family: Tech. Sgt. Mark

Johnson

**Favorite Musical Artist:** 

Country Music, any artist

really

Favorite Movie: The Die-Hard

Series

Pet Peeve: Personnel with hair

out of regulations

Bedside Book: Any Ann Rule **Inspirations**: My husband Personal Motto: "If at first you do not succeed, read the

instructions."

Remember Mother's Day is May 11

# 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 44 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



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## JROTC instructor opportunities available for Airmen

Exciting opportunities for retired and retiring Airmen are available in Air Force Junior ROTC. This is the chance to positively influence America's future by passing on your knowledge and skills to our young

AFIROTC currently has over 50 officer and over 30 NCO instructor positions open at locations across the U.S. There are 869 units world-wide and 10 new units will open up for the next school year. Over 101,000 students are enrolled in AFJROTC.

"We are looking for retired officers and NCOs who want to continue serving by teaching the next generation of leaders," said Col. Richard J. Ragaller, director of Air Force Junior ROTC at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"AFJROTC is an opportunity for Airmen to use the skills they learned and the education they received while in the Air Force to prepare high school students to succeed after they graduate." he said. "I don't think there can be any more rewarding career than "Building Better Citizens for America'."

"IROTC instructors they exemplify the Air Force's Core Values and set the highest standards of conduct and appearance for themselves and their students," he said.

Retired active-duty Airmen interested in becoming JROTC instructors must have retired from active duty within the last five years. Airmen on active duty may apply for positions when they are within six months of their retirement date. The five-year requirement may be waived up to ten years based on applicant qualifications and the needs of the program.

Under provisions of the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, retired Guard and Reserve Airmen may also apply. Guard/Reserve applicants must have been retired within the past 5 years or less with 20 "good years" of service and possess a DD 214/NGB Form ANG/USAFR Point Credit Summary and have at least 3600 retirement points. For more information about Guard/Reserve requirements, go to http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC/gr ayarea.asp.

Officers must have a bachelor's degree or higher and NCOs must have a minimum of high school diploma and must obtain an associate's degree within five years of employment. Additional education degrees and teacher certification are an advantage and may be required by some school districts.

Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and must meet the Air Force appearance and weight/body fat standards. They must also have high standards of military bearing and moral

AFJROTC provides TDY funding for new instructors to complete Air University's 2-week Aerospace Science Instructor Course at Maxwell AFB prior to receiving certification for instructor duty. The course includes training on instructor performance, standards and accountability as representatives of the Air Force; learning theory; communication skills; teaching methods; lesson planning and student evaluation.

The mission of Air Force Junior ROTC is "Building Better Citizens for America." The Air Force Core Values provide the basis for the program. The curriculum provides cadets with leadership opportunities, life skills education, team-building experiences, character education and academic studies. Air Force JROTC provides its students with the tools for success after high school.

Instructors are guaranteed a minimum salary equal to the difference between current active duty pay and allowances, less their gross military retirement pay. Being an AFJROTC instructor does not impact a member's military retired pay. Some school district may pay above the minimum salary. Grav-area Guard/Reserve members receive a minimum salary equal to their active duty counterparts.

For more information about instructor opportunities, call toll free (866) 235-7682, ext. 35112 of 32535. The DSN number is 493-5112 or 2535. You can also go to http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC/in structors.asp for complete instructor requirements and application informa-

(Editor's Note: This article is special to Silver Wings)

# Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill 14th Flying Training Wing



Job Title: Silver Wings Editor Time at Columbus AFB: 21 months

**Time in Service:** 2 years, 1 month Hometown: Staunton, Va.

Family: Senior Airman Antjuan Hill, husband

Favorite Musical Artist: Reba McIntire

Favorite Movie: Annie Pet Peeve: Lazy people **Inspirations**: My parents

Personal Motto: "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Tomorrow is not promised.

## General Spears speaks to Daedalians

1st Lt. Wesley Spurlock 14th Operations Support Squadron

Lieutenant Gen. Glenn Spears, US SOUTHCOM deputy commander, was the featured speaker last week at the local Daedalian dinner meeting.

General Spears provided an interesting presentation covering the current missions of US SOUTHCOM and the dynamic geopolitical intricacies that make up Latin America and the

"General Spears provided an insightful look into the neighbors to our south that we often know little about," said Col. Eric Theisen, 14th Operations Group commander and Flight Captain of Columbus AFB Daedalian flight # 74, which is nicknamed the "Possumtown Flight", flight 74 was chartered on June 24, 1980.

According to the Daedalian website, the Order of Daedalians had its genesis in 1921 when Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell, Assistant Chief of the Army Air Service, urged the creation of an organization that would perpetuate forever the deeds and memories of the first American pilots who, in WWI, were the first to fly our country's airplanes in time of war. Present to hear General Mitchell was then Lieutenant Harold George who, 13 years later, March 26, 1934, at Maxwell Field, Ala., as one of 35 WWI Regular Army commissioned pilots, formally established the Order of Daedalians to "... perpetuate the spirit of patriotism, the love of country, the memories, sad and pleasant, of our service during that period, WWI, and to further cement the ties of comradeship which bound us together in that critical hour of our nation's need...."

There were more than 14,000 WWI aviators who were commissioned as officers and rated as military pilots as of the Armistice November 11, 1918. Virtually all have been

identified, and each, whether living or dead, has a founder Membership in the Order of Daedalians even though some did not, during their lifetime, participate as active members. In the early years active membership was open only to Founder Members and their descendants (Hereditary Members.)

In the early fifties Named Memberships were authorized for active or retired commissioned officers in the military services and their reserve components who are rated as military pilots of heavier-than-air powered aircraft.

This meeting came at a very sobering time for everyone at Columbus. The day prior, Columbus AFB lost two of its own in a fatal T-38 mishap. It was a time for military aviators to come together and embrace the risks and rewards that come with being able to slip the surely bonds. The Possumtown Flight asks that all Daedalians keep the family and friends of Major Blair "Bama" Faulkner and Lieutenant Matthew Emmons in their prayers.



Lieutenant Gen. Glenn Spears, US SOUTH-COM deputy commander, talks with Col. Eric Theisen, 14th Operations Group, at the Daedalians meeting April 24. General Spears was also the guest speaker at the graduation for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-08 April 25.

## Military StarSM rewards MasterCard's advantages "go where you go"

DALLAS - Using a Military StarSM card is about to become even more rewarding as the military exchange system unveils the Military StarSM Rewards MasterCard. A new program that rewards exchange shoppers for everyday purchases made both on and off military installations, the card combines the advantages of the existing Military StarSM private label card with the power of a Chase Rewards Program.

"The Military StarSM Rewards MasterCard automatically chooses the appropriate line of credit so authorized exchange shoppers earn maximum points whenever or wherever the card is used," said AAFES' Chief Operating Officer Mike Howard. "It functions as a Military StarSM Card where accepted and as a MasterCard everywhere else. In either case, purchases produce rewards for car holders."

Introduced in early 2008, the Military StarSM Rewards MasterCard program offers more possibilities with the ability to earn two points per dollar for qualifying "on installation" purchases and one point per dollar for qualifying purchases made "off installation." The new cobranded card will also incorporate flexible reward options that can be redeemed with as little as 2,000 points. Once approved, account holders will be mailed a co plete catalog of reward options such as cash back, free airline tickets and even exchange gift cards.

"The Military StarSM Rewards program finally allows the exchanges to offer the ultimate convenience to authorized shoppers: two lines of credit and only one card," said Howard. "With that said, the Military StarSM Rewards card is not a replacement for the Military StarSM card. In fact, authorized exchange sho pers who currently have a Military StarSM card and sign up for the new card will receive two different lines of credit to provide maximum flexibility when choosing a method of payment."

"Chase is excited to extend its reltioship with AAFES and offer a great rewards program," said Shelley Sanders, senior vice president, Chase Card Services, a division of JPMorgan Chase & Co. [NYSE: JPM]. "By using this new card, cardmembers can earn double rewards just for shopping at their favorite store. Chase is the bank that keeps up with customers' busy, dynamic and ever changing lifestyles with valuable products and services that meet their needs."

Additional details concerning the Military StarSM Rewards MasterCard will be available under the "exchange credit central" section of www.aafes.com. Until the card is launched on May 1, 2008, authorized exchange shoppers can visit the "exchange credit central" section to access details regarding current Military StarSM Card special promotions, information and more.

## Congrats FTAC 08-A grads



U.S. Air Force photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing would like to congratulate the most recent graduates of the First Term Airman's Course Class 08-A. Pictured are: (front) Staff Sgt. Jamie Somers, FTAC instructor; Airman Jennifer Tomb, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman Basic Yelitza Cruz-Cubano, 14th Communications Squadron; Airman 1st Class Ambyr Ironfield, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Nekedra Bullock, 14th Security Forces Squadron; (back) Airman 1st Class Randy Watson, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Joshua VanZuiden, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman 1st Class Phillip Sneed-Johnson, !4th Medical Support Squadron; Airman 1st Windell Jefferson, 14th SFS.

# **Shirt Tales**

Master Sgt. Allen Rigdon 14th Flying Training Wing First Sergeant

To have an effective operation, the Air Force must have professional relationships among its members. In all supervisory situations, professional relationships must support the mission and operational effectiveness of the Air Force.

Officers and NCOs must make sure their personal relationships with coworkers and subordinates do not give the appearance of favoritism or impropriety. Excessive socialization and undue familiarity, real or perceived, degrade leadership. (Editorís Note: This information can be found in AFPAM36-2241 1 JULY 2007, Para 10.5.6)

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the Latin American region.

General Spears also said the US SOUTHCOM dedicates much of its work in combating terrorist forces around the world.

"US SOUTHCOM plays a key role in combating terrorism in whatever form. The transnational threats which challenge us in our particular region are difficult, endemic, and are threats which require innovation for us to work with our partners to successfully beat these challenges," said General Spears.

Since the Air Force's transition to an expeditionary force, the general stressed the need for dedication and adherence to Air Force values and standards in order to succeed amidst the world's growing conflicts.

In his 30 years Air Force career, this was Gen Spear's first visit to Columbus AFB.

In his closing comments to our new Air Force pilots, he reminded them of their important role in our nation's defense, "Remember, you are Airmen first and pilots second."







# THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC



#### The Contributions of America's Airmen

This past Monday, the Secretary of Defense delivered an address at Maxwell AFB to the students of our Air War College and Air Command and Staff College. Initial press coverage of his remarks misrepresented the tone and content of his address. Whereas some press reports characterized Secretary Gates as making a singular critique about one Service's commitment to the Global War on Terror, his remarks were instead focused on the need for innovative thinking from all the Services.

As Secretary Gates himself explained: "... I think if you read the text of the speech, you'll see that it's not a dig at the Air Force at all. In fact, a significant part of the speech was full of praise at what the Air Force had done in the Middle East and Iraq and Afghanistan and the whole theater." Secretary Gates challenged his entire Department and the leaders of every Service "to think out of the box" in continuous pursuit of better ways to deliver what is needed for the joint force in harm's way. The Air Force is well suited for that innovative pursuit. Every Airman should take Secretary Gates' comments to heart and strive to find more and better ways for the Air Force to contribute to the War on Terror.

It is important for all Airmen to know Secretary Gates applauded Airmen for their significant contributions to the Long War, just as he has praised America's Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines. It is also important for Airmen to know Air Force contributions are making a difference, and that Airmen continue to do everything possible to support the Secretary of Defense's priorities. He has asked all Services to accelerate transformational initiatives like those in the Quadrennial Defense Review, and the Air Force is doing just that.

In short, Airmen are "all in" to fight today's war on global terrorism. From strategy to tactics, the Air Force has leaned far forward to deliver instruments of national power in a rapidly changing world. Every able-bodied Airman--Regular, Guard, and Reserve--is fully deployable. Indeed, Airmen have filled over 524,000 deployments since the war began. Today, 24,000 Airmen are delivering a full spectrum of air, space, and cyber power to the Joint Force Commanders conducting operations in USCENTCOM, every hour of every day.

Air Force engagement in CENTCOM's AOR is only the tip of the iceberg. About 200,000-plus Airmen are in direct support of Combatant Commanders around the clock and around the globe to provide all with critical air, space, and cyber capabilities. Airmen are in the most dangerous places on the planet tonight to protect America. Airmen have been vital to the success of the Joint team in this critical Global War on Terror, while at the same time providing the global strength and deterrence that keep our enemies at bay and our friends assured.

The Air Force was born of an innovative spirit and a willingness to question the status quo. Airmen are applying that spirit daily to address America's challenges. In sum, our Air Force is 'in the fight' to win, and is deterring any aggressor from doing us harm while we succeed in the Global War on Terror.

We are proud of the hard work that you ... America's Airmen ... undertake every day. Secretary Gates has challenged us to continue to honor our heritage of innovation. The Airmen of the United States Air Force will succeed in meeting his charge.

Michael W. Wynne Secretary of the Air Force

T. Michael Moseley General, USAF 18th Chief of Staff

# Air Force receives last GPS IIR satellite

**Staff Sgt. Don Branum** 50th Space Wing Public Affairs

#### SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE,

Colo. — The Air Force received the last in a series of GPS IIR(M) satellites from Lockheed Martin during an recent fly-out ceremony at the Lockheed Martin facility in Valley Forge, Penn.

"The IIR satellites have been great," said Lt. Col. Doug Schiess, operations officer for the 2nd Space Operations Squadron. He represented the 50th Space Wing at the ceremony.

"One of the things they've done for us is allowed us to reduce our operations tempo. We used to have to do two supports per day on all GPS satellites, but the IIRs have allowed us to go down to one support per day."

The IIR satellites require less support because they have improved autonomous capabilities. The primary autonomous capability is a IIR redundancy management function, which tracks and manages the satellite's subsystems. Internal tests are run regularly and components can be autonomously swapped if a failure is detected.

The IIR series of satellites also has been more robust. After nearly 11 years since the first IIR satellite was launched, all the IIR satellites remain operational and are still on their primary clocks.

"We have multiple clocks for redundancy on each satellite," Colonel Schiess said. "Our older IIA satellites are on their second or third clocks, but we haven't had to change a clock yet for the IIR satellites."

This robustness makes the satellites more likely to live beyond their projected design lifetimes, which means more utility for taxpayers' dollars.

When GPS IIR(M)-20 launches this summer, it will be the 19th IIR satellite in orbit. Of those 19 satellites, seven are the newer IIR(M) models, which provide an additional signal called L2C for civilian use and additional military code, or M-code, signals.

"The M-code is a modification that the Air Force asked Lockheed Martin to do after they had the GPS IIR contract," Colonel Schiess said. "The M-code provides anti-jam capability, and as we saw we were going into a jamming environment, we knew we'd need the capability sooner than it would have been available on the GPS IIF satellites."

Lockheed-Martin specialists, at the request of Air Force officials, pulled



Lockheed Martin photo Stephen B. Griffin

Employees at the Lockheed Martin plant in Valley Forge, Pa., prepare GPS IIR(M)-20 for shipment to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. The satellite, scheduled to launch June 30, is the last of the IIR-series GPS satellites the Air Force is receiving from Lockheed Martin.

some of the satellites that were ready for launch out of storage to add the Mcode, flex power and L2C capability.

GPS IIR(M)-20 also will transmit on a frequency called L5, which is primarily designed for aviation safety-of-life applications.

"Lockheed-Martin modified this satellite (per the Air Force's request) to transmit on the L5 frequency so we can demonstrate to the International Telecommunication Union (the United Nations body that governs use of satellite communication frequencies) that we're using the frequency," Colonel Schiess said. "We had to start using the frequency or we'd lose the ability to say it's ours."

The L5 payload aboard the IIR satellite will provide a demonstration signal that secures exclusive protection of the L5 signal spectrum for U.S. use.

GPS IIR(M)-20 is the last IIR(M) satellite the Air Force received due to the L-5 modification, but it will not be the last IIR(M) satellite to launch. GPS IIR(M)-20 is scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station June 30. The last IIR(M) satellite to launch, GPS IIR(M)-21, is scheduled for liftoff Sept. 11.

# Leisure

#### Celebrate API Month

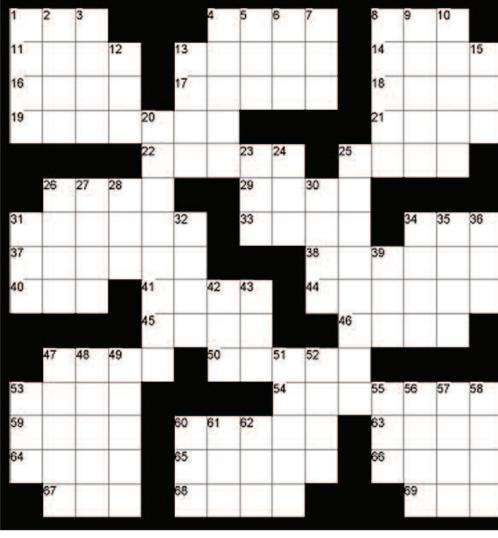
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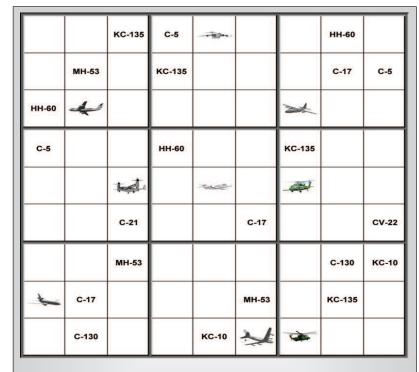
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Tokyo airport, in brief
- 4. Fuel source
- 8. Deli order
- 11. Trail mix
- 13. Sgt. Allan M. \_\_\_; WWII Medal of Honor recipient
- 14. Big cat
- 16. Garfieldís foil
- 17. Aged
- 18. Hall of Fame Cleveland Browns quarterback Graham
- 19. Regulated course, as of diet, exercise, or manner of living
- 21. William Shao Chang first Chinese-American Army MG
- 22. Pushed or forced along; impelled with force or vigor
- 25. Tool location
- 26. Once \_\_\_ a time ...
- \_; first 29. Maj. Gen. John Liu \_ Chinese-American to become
- 31. F-22, F-15, F-16 and others
- 33. Actress Spelling
- 34. Use
- 37. Washington town
- 38. Capt. Daniel K. Inouye; Medal of Honor recipient, US senator
- 40. Picnic pest
- 41. Scandinavian city
- 44. Book of the Bible, composed of 150 songs, hymns, and prayers
- 45. Walter \_\_\_ Army Medical Center
- 46. Perry Mason author

- Stanley Gardner
- 47. Cupronickel coin, paper money, and monetary unit of Lesotho
- 50. Actress Bo of 10 fame
- 53. Midwest state
- 54. USAF Lt. Col. Ellison Shoji \_\_; first Japanese-American in space
- 59. Skating place
- 60. Without flavor
- 63. Okla. town home to Vance Air Force Base
- 64. Leg joint
- 65. USN cruiser; shield or breastplate of Zeus or Athena
- 66. African river
- 67. \_\_\_ Lanka; island republic in the Indian Ocean
- 68. Noble gas
- 69. 2,000 pounds
- DOWN
- 1. Haing \_\_; 1984 Best Supporting Actor for The Killing Fields
- 2. Carried (a person) on something, as if on a horse
- 3. Math function, in brief
- 4. Michael \_\_\_; youngest male tennis player to win French Open
- 5. Horse food
- 6. Dined
- 7. Young boy
- 8. Julia Chang \_\_\_; first Asian-American woman appointed US ambassador
- 9. Readily bent; supple
- 10. Carried
- 12. I.M. \_\_\_; Louvre and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame designer
- 13. Central European river
- 15. Prefix used to change meanings to the opposite
- 20. PFC. Sadao S.

- Medal of Honor recipient
- 23. Young newt
- 24. Two persons commonly associated with each other; couple
- 25. General Eric K. \_\_; Japanese-American Chief of Staff of the
- Bator; Mongolian capital
- 27. Warsaw
- 28. Lt. Gen. Allen K. \_\_\_; the Armyís first three star Japanese-American
- 30. Mental or intellectual hold
- 31. School org.
- 32. Return mail item, in brief
- 34. Attraction
- 35. \_\_\_\_ disease
- 36. Zodiac sign
- 39. \_\_\_ Father
- 42. Took charge
- 43. Lyrical poem 47. Gird up oneís \_\_\_; prepare oneself for battle
- 48. Possessor; proprietor
- 49. George \_\_\_; Star Trek and Heroes actor
- 51. De Niro film
- 52. Terminates
- 53. Bother
- 55. Mahayana Buddhism sect asserting enlightenment through meditation
- 56. The \_\_\_\_; military-themed TV show
- 57. European weight measure-
- 58. Seaport in and the economic capital of the Republic of Yemen 60. Prohibit
- 61. Bruce American action star
- 62. In the past





#### **AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT**

To solve, place an airlift aircraft into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain each of the following airlift aircraft: C-5, C-17, C-21, C-130, CV-22, HH-60, KC-10, KC-135 and MH-53. In other words, no aircraft may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the planes already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
5	6	7	8	9	10/11
		Blaze Lunch Bunch 1100-1300 @ Club	CCAF Graduation 1000 @ Club 08-GB IFF Grad 1649 @ 49th Heritage Room	Princess Open Golf Tournament 1500 @ Whispering Pines Golf Course	Expert Rider Course @ SAC Ramp Mother's Day ORI Team Arrival
12	13	14	15	16	17/18
	OSC Bingo Social 1800 @ Club	Blaze Lunch Bunch 1100-1300 @ Club 09-02 Track Select 1700 @ Club		80-09 Graduation Brig. Gen. Walter Givhan, Director of Secretary of the Air Force, guest speaker	Armed Forces Day
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#### **Long Term Events**

May 22 - BLAZE Picnic @ Freedom Park

May 23 - Safety Day (No Fly Day)

May 26 - Memorial Day

May 27 - Chief Master Sgt. Bowlan's retirement ceremony

May 31 - CAFB Triathlon

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# Go for Outstanding!

Colonel Dave Gerber

14th Flying Training Wing commander

Blaze Team,

We've had a tough week. There is no more difficult or more important task than honoring our fallen aviators and taking care of their families. Our squadrons came together, and their love and care extended to the groups and across the wing. Whether you knew the pilots or not, each of you played an important role in honoring their sacrifice, starting the investigation and supporting the spiritual and physical needs of their families and friends. You did an amazing job, and I thank you.

We have another challenge in one week
— our Operational Readiness Inspection. The Air
Education and Training Command Inspector General
team will arrive Sunday and look us over for 10 days.

The inspection has three parts — a Unit Compliance Inspection, a Major Accident Response Exercise and a deployment/employment exercise.

The UCI is the largest part. Does the BLAZE Team do what the regulations and instructions tell us to do? Our goal is to show that we meet and dramatically exceed the regulatory guidance. Airmen across the wing have reviewed our guidance and procedures for nine months to make sure this is true. They have ensured we will have no repeat findings from previous inspections and made sure we updated and follow our local publications.

Second, we will have a MARE May 13. You just handled a tragic real-world mishap, and you did an outstanding job. We have exercised our operations and con-

trol centers, recall and FPCON systems, and responded to a variety of real contingencies. I am confident each Blaze Team member will execute quickly and correctly regardless of the inspection scenario.

Third, we will simulate deploying more than 50 BLAZE Airmen to a hypothetical "Base X" near SAC Lake and employ them through different tasks and MOPP conditions. Our people have never been more ready -- the paperwork is right, they are trained and they have practiced. The Blaze Team routinely deploys exceptionally well-trained Airmen to the AOR with zero discrepancies, and we will show the inspectors how well we do this right here at home.

A few reminders:

- Check yourself over in the mirror for a crisp uniform, polished boots and haircut
  - Remember customs and courtesies
- If you feel an inspector has drawn an incorrect conclusion, do not argue. Communicate the issue with your supervisor as soon as the inspector leaves your area.

There is no good time to experience a tragedy like we have. Not every team would be able to do what you did and turn directly into an ORI, but you have worked hard and you are ready. Be confident! At this point, the difference between an "excellent" and an "outstanding" is attitude. Take a positive, courteous, helpful approach to the inspectors and show them that same expertise and passion that you poured into the memorials for our fallen aviators, and that you put into our mission every day. The Blaze Team will shine brightly during the inspection. In honor of Maj. Blair Faulkner and 2nd Lt. Matthew Emmons, go for "Outstanding!"

# The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.
I have answered my nation's call.
I am an American Airman.

My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.

Lam an American Airman

Guardian of freedom and justice, My nation's sword and shield, Its sentry and avenger. I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman
behind.
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

# 10 helpful tips for long, successful Air Force career

Lt. Col. Mike Cannon 62nd Aerial Port Squadron commander

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — A few years ago, I read an article written for an Air Force base paper in England. It was written by captain in the Area Defense Counsel office. In it, he discussed, from his experiences, the top ten things an Airman could do to stay out of trouble.

I've had the opportunity to command five different units and have found that advice to be spot on. I took that top-10 list and modified it a bit to fit my experience and perspective as a commander.

10. Quit getting sloppy drunk. The vast majority of Airmen (of all ranks) who come see me in their service dress were for alcohol-related incidents. In fact,

most of the other items on this list are either caused by or exacerbated by alcohol abuse. I define "sloppy drunk" using the 0-0-1-3 criterion. Drinking underage? Had an alcohol-related incident? You're sloppy drunk.

**9. Don't EVER do drugs.** There is no room in our Air Force for drug abusers. Don't do illegal drugs — ever.

8. Don't lie, even a little. I correct mistakes and punish crimes. Don't turn a mistake into a crime by lying to cover it up. If you are read your rights, you have two choices; tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, or say nothing at all until you consult a lawyer. Doing anything else will make the situation much worse.

7. Live within your means. The formula is easy even if math is not your strongest subject. Write down how much

you make each month. Below that, write down how much you spend each month. Subtract the bottom number from the top number. If the answer is less than zero, you are not living within your means.

**6.** Be likeable and valuable. If you are a team player, strive to get along in the workplace and do what is expected of you, your supervisors will notice and appreciate you. They will provide you opportunities to excel.

**5. Don't fight.** If you really want to duke it out with somebody, try organized boxing. It's a lot harder than it looks.

**4.** Be squared away. When does a good Airman need a haircut? Never! A good Airman gets a haircut before he or she needs one. Be punctual for ALL appointments. If you are early, you're on time. If you are on time, you're late.

3. Treat everyone with respect. All of

our Airmen have earned and deserve our respect. If we treat each other with respect at all times, most of these other problems go away.

2. Don't hang out with idiots. If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck. You're known by the company you keep. If your friends are doing the things listed above, people will assume you are, too.

1. Always ask for a lawyer. It's not only your right, it's a really good idea. If you are in my office in your service dress, you can bet I've already talked to a lawyer. Contact the ADC before answering questions and anytime you are given paperwork. Even if lawyer there can't help get you out of the predicament you're in, he or she will help you present your best case and minimize the damage.

FPCON ALPHA Applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, and the nature and extent of the threat are unpredictable.

**FEATURE** 

# Fallen pilots memorialized in ceremony Tuesday

Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Both joy and sorrow filled the hearts of Columbus AFB members and friends Tuesday morning during the memorial ceremony for Maj. Blair Faulkner and 2nd Lt. Matthew Emmons at Smith Memorial Plaza.

The names of Major Faulkner, 43rd Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, and Lieutenant Emmons, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 08-14, will now forever be engraved on the wall in Smith Plaza, as they selflessly gave their lives to their country.

The families of both Airmen were on hand to share the occasion with the base and community members. The spouses shared recollections of each of their husbands along with thanks to the community for the continued support during

During the ceremony, medals were presented to each family for the decorations awarded to the pilots.

Major Faulkner received the Meritorious Service Medal for their daily lives. Meritorious Service for his more than two years assigned to the 43rd FTS. During this time the major served as a T-38 instructor pilot and section chief with in the 43rd FTS.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Josh Harbin

Honor Guardsman Amanda Fitzgerald removes the tape covering 2nd Lt. Matthew Emmons's name on the memorial wall in Smith Plaza Tuesday at the memorial service. Both Lieutenant Emmons and Maj. Blair Faulkner's names were engraved in the wall.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill

More than 500 Columbus AFB and community members came out to show their respects to Maj. Blair Faulkner and 2nd Lt. Matthew Emmons Tuesday at the memorial service at Smith Memorial Plaza.

Additionally, Major Faulkner executed a no-notice mission evaluation with the 19th Air Force Director of Operations, which led him to earn a "commendable" rating for his initial

Lieutenant Emmons was awarded the Commendation medal for his accomplishments for his time assigned to the Both pilots were fatally injured in a T-38 crash April 23 at 14th Flying Training Wing. While in pilot training at CAFB the lieutenant received 37 overall "excellent" rating during simulator training and T-6 flights. He was awarded the "Top Gun" award for his performance in the Contact category at the completion of the T-6 phase of training.

A tribute table was set up at the ceremony for any guests who wanted to share their thoughts and prayers to the fallen officers. Members of the 43rd FTS, 50th Flying Training Squadron and SUPT class 08-14 stood in formation to honor

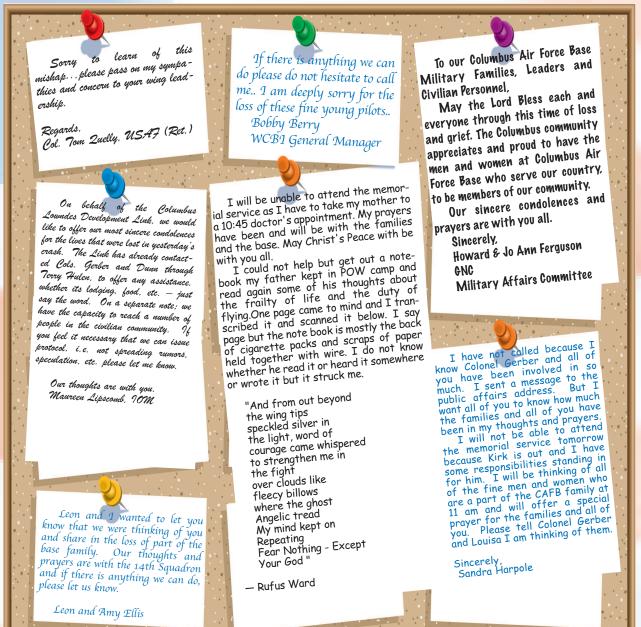
With a true passion for flying, these officers demonstrated the core values in which every servicemember strives for in

In closing statements, Major Dave Garrison, 43rd FTS, said "Major Faulkner, Lieutenant Emmons, you will always be remembered."



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Danielle Hill A T-38C Missing Man Formation flew overhead Tuesday to end the ceremony. The formation is said to be the most magnificent and solemn gerial maneuver ever seen.

# You will always be remembered



# HQ AETC/IG approved simulations

#### Lt. Col. James Bennett 14th Flying Training Wing Plans

Please take 10 minutes to become familiar with the simulations that will affect your Group/Squadron/Unit in the upcoming ORI. For brevity only the simulation has provide. Please go to the Homepage https://wwwr.aetc.af.mil/ig/IGHOME\_RES2.HTM. Select Inspection Schedule, then Wing/Major Units/ANG, then 14 FTW, to view the Workaround and AETC POC for the Simulation.

To view CAFB Local or Non Standard Simulations go to the Columbus Web, Select Pubs and Forms, then Folder 10 (Operations), then select AETCI 10-205 CAFB Sup, Atch 7.

Simulations. Simulations are actions taken by the unit when directed to demonstrate a task or tasks that due to peacetime constraints cannot be accomplished because of prohibitive expense, expenditure of critical resources, significant safety concerns, real world mission impact, etc. Simulations will be kept to an absolute minimum. When simulations are unavoidable, units may propose a workaround procedure to "simulate" the non-executable portion of the task to be performed.

Standard Simulation. Standard simulations are pre-approved for use during Operational Readiness Inspections. These simulations have a pre-approved workaround and do not require justification for use. If a unit must deviate from the pre-approved simulation, then the simulation ceases to be considered standard and the unit must submit a non-standard simulation request for review/approval as outlined

Local / Non Standard Simulation. Simulations similar to the Standard Simulations but are developed due to local constraints and must be approved by AETC/IG prior to any use.

HQ AETC/IG Approved Standard Simulations and Workarounds

- 1. Simulation: Minimize impact of cordons, movement of vehicles, and evacuation during increased FPCONs of facilities with severe negative impact on core wing mission, emergency management locations, AAFES, NAF facilities/functions, child care centers, IG/JA/MEO/EEO offices engaged with clients, DECA, etc.
- 2. Simulation: Movement of vehicles with handicap stickers during increased FPCONs.
- 3. Simulation: Recall of Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMAs).
- 4. Simulation: Recall of military personnel.
- 5 Simulation: Recall of DAF and NAF civilian

**6. Simulation:** Movement of dumpsters during

7. Simulation: Use of real US and/or foreign currency or US Treasury checks.

8. Simulation: Movement of drugs and nar-

**9. Simulation:** Movement of patient vehicles during increased FPCONs.

10. Simulation: Use of expendable medical supplies to include medication.

11. Simulation: Immunizations/vaccinations of

12. Simulation: Use of off-base ambulance ser-

13. Simulation: Authentication of orders.

14. Simulation: Initiation of Stop Loss actions.

15. Simulation: Projection of TDY data into the Personnel Data System.

16. Simulation: MPF Customer Service.

17. Simulation: Use of M9 detection paper.

18. Simulation: Possession of 100 percent serviceable training CBRN Defense Equipment.

19. Simulation: Possession and use of M291 skin and M295 equipment decontamination kits and M256A1 chemical agent detector kit in the field.

20. Simulation: Closing tent flaps on tents without air conditioning during alarm black/mission oriented posture (MOPP) 4.

21. Simulation: Replacement of canisters/filters for CBRN protective masks.

22. Simulation: Turning off environmental control units (ECUs) following chemical attacks at FieldEx location.

23. Simulation: Hardening structures at FieldEx location.

24. Simulation: Equipment Contamination Avoidance at FieldEx location.

25. Simulation: Personnel Contamination Avoidance at FieldEx location.

26. Simulation: Cordon Size.

27. Simulation: Processing Fire Fighters and

28. Simulation: Discharging of fire extinguish-

29. Simulation: Physically removing human victims down ladders during aircrew extraction and other exercises.

30. Simulation: Structural Response Vehicle

31. Simulation: Utility outages.

**32. Simulation:** Raising of bollards and closing

33. Simulation: Movement and issue of MREs.

34. Simulation: Processing of simulated conta-

minated remains

35. Simulation: Bus driver to transport personnel to and from cantonment area.

**36.** Simulation: Deployment of real-world C-bags.

**37. Simulation:** Use of baggage tags.

38. Simulation: OJT records containing SCI

39. Simulation: AOR specific requirements pro-

40. Simulation: Contracts with off-base ven-

41. Simulation: Contractor/Construction areas

during increased FPCONs. 42. Simulation: Deployment of actual ammunition, other than that needed for real-world security

**43. Simulation:** No Scope Shield PRC-139 radio frequency authorized for training use.

**44. Simulation:** Vehicle search during increased

45. Simulation: Commercial deliveries (supplies, fuel, etc.) deliveries during increased

**46.** Simulation: Vehicle towing during imple-

mentation of barrier plan. 47. Simulation: Conducting zero fire on a

weapons simulated to be deployed during ORI. 48. Simulation: Mission essential equipment

49. Simulation: Unless previously coordinated, instructors and students actively engaged in flying, simulator, and ground training, as well as personnel directly supporting training (i.e., air traffic controllers, refueling operations, crew chiefs), are exempt from exercises.

50. Simulation: Flying squadron UCCs, Radar Approach Control (RAPCON), Control Tower, and Supervisors of Flying (SOFs) should accomplish appropriate checklist items short of closing the airfield and diverting aircraft.

51. Simulation: Moving flightline GOV vehicles in direct support of flying operations.

52. Simulation: Simulated closing of hangar doors, test cell and hush house.

**53. Simulation:** Use of off-base services.

54. Simulation: Exercise communications/correspondence.

55. Simulation: Evacuation of instructor/students conducting aca-

**56.** Simulation: Password changes on computers, to include administrators and root-level sys-





#### **Base News**

#### **Food Tasting Event**

The Asian Pacific American Heritage food tasting event will take place Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. This event is opened to all base personnel. For more information, please call Staff Sgt. Eve Guidry at 434-7096.

#### **Education Office Closure**

The Education Office will be closed all day Monday and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please plan accordingly. For more information, call 434-2562.

#### Case Lot Sale

The Commissary will be having a case lot sale May 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 434-7109.

#### **Lawn Care**

The Landings at Columbus, Pinnacle-Hunt, would like to remind the residents to take care of their lawns and fly their flags prior to the ORI.

#### OSC End of Year Bingo Luau

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club will host annual Bingo Night Luau Party will be May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Come out for a fun night of great food and great friends with a chance to win great prizes. Play bingo as Goose and Gibbo call out the fun. Dress the part for our summer luau event by wearing shorts and flip flops. This is a member's only event. Please RSVP to cafbreservations@yahoo.com by noon May 8.

#### **Dog Training Available**

Dog training will start May 6 and take place every Tuesday and Thursday. Training will include: starting puppy training, adult obedience training and problem solving for a \$60 one time fee. Aggressive cases will be available at home of owner as well and for an adjustable fee depending on the severity. For more information please call The Landing's at Columbus at 434-8213 or email bvisucglia@prmc.com.

#### Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with

AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

#### **Mother's Day Flowers**

All residents are encouraged to come The Landings at Columbus Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. to plant a flower for Mother's Day.

#### **Testing Office Closure**

There will be no testing (CDC, PME, CLEP, college exams, etc.) in the Education Office from May 12 to 23. However, additional testing sessions have been added for Monday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 28 at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days. Testing is normally conducted each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 434-2562 if you have questions.

#### **Customer Service**

The Military Personnel Element, Customer Service will be going to an appointment only system. Please call Customer Service at 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment for your next visit. If you have "locked" your CAC Card there is a pin reset station located in Bldg 1100, room 210 for 14th Medical Group personnel and Building 900, room 4 for all others. Reminder: two forms of identification are required to receive an ID card. Hours of operation for the MPE are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Thursday when the hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

# Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

#### Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

### Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

#### **Resume Workshop**

This workshop will be held Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. Participants will learn about the different types of resumes, what each type is used for and how to draft your winning resume. For more information, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.

#### Hearts Apart Social Gathering

This event will be held Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Bowling Center. This social gathering is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information and refreshments will be offered. Advance registration is required. For more information, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.

#### **Wing Newcomers**

The Wing Newcomers brief will be held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center May 13 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This brief is for all AD and civilian personnel new to CAFB. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2790.

#### **Telephone Directories**

Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

# AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

#### **Employment Workshop**

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

#### SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

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## **Chapel Schedule**

#### **Protestant**

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

#### Catholic

Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. — Mass

Thursday

5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:

4:30 p.m. — Confession

4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

5:30 p.m. — Mass

First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.

The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

#### Wednesdays

5 p.m. — Potluck

6 p.m. — Pioneer Club for ages 3 years to 7th grade

6 p.m. — Video Study

6 p.m. — "A Case for Kids" Family Life Study

6 p.m. — "Breaking the Code" A study of Revelations

6 p.m. — Youth Bible Study for ages 8th to 12th grades

7 p.m. — Protestant Choir Practice

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# AF Space Camp application deadline May 13

**Pam Wickham** 

14th Force Support Squadron

The Air Force youth programs is sponsoring the Air Force space camp program at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. The center is the premier provider of authentic, inspiring and entertaining educational experiences in space science and aviation.

"Forty-eight scholarships are available Air Force wide for youth, ages 12 to 18, to participate in the Air Force Space Camp Program," stated Kayline Hamilton, youth director. "The camp is divided into two age groups with 32 youth, ages 12 to 14, selected to participate in the Space Academy July 27 to Aug. 1 and 16 teens, ages 15 to 18, for the Advanced Space Academy July 25 to Aug. 1." This program is open to family members of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force installation,

Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees or activated Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

Travel expenses to Huntsville, Ala., are the responsibility of the attendees. All lodging, meals, and activity fees after arrival at Space Camp will be available at no cost to attendees or their installation. Attendees participate in a wide variety of physical activity, hands-on experiences, and classroom activities.

Interested youth with a minimum GPA of 2.8 must complete the electronic fill-in nomination form and submit it to the Youth Center. Youth may only participate in the Air Force Space Camp Program once unless they participated as a 12 to 14 year old in the Space Academy and are now eligible for the Advanced Space Academy.

The Space Academy is an increased intensity

program of astronaut and mission training and academics. Simulated missions to a space station and crew rotation highlight the week. Trainees will participate in Shuttle Missions, Space Simulators, build and launch rockets and sample space food.

The Advanced Space Academy weeklong program gives trainees hands-on training as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. The advanced space academy program is a college-accredited program through the University of Alabama-Huntsville. All Advanced space academy participants will earn one hour of freshman-level general science credit from UAH.

The electronic application for space camp can be found at www.afyouthprograms.com or at the Youth Center.

For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

# Base people offered choices in recreational outlets

#### Blaze Lunch Bunch

Mark your calendars to lunch at the Columbus Club Wednesday for the premier of the Blaze Lunch Bunch dine-in from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. All plate lunches come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread and tea or water. Cost is \$5.75 for members and \$6.75 for nonmembers. Each additional side is \$.50. Desserts are \$2.95 each. For more information, call 434-2490.

#### Family Bingo

The Youth Center offers this program starting at 7 p.m. May 2. Must have a child in order to play. Eight games of bingo to include U-pick-em and coverall. No reservations after May 1. All games played for prizes. Free admission. For more information, call 434-2504.

#### **Mothers Day Brunch**

Make your reservations by May 8 for this special Mother's Day Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m May 11 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$14.95 for club members and \$17.95 for nonmembers. Children, ages five to 12, is \$7.50 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. Children under the age of four eat free. Entrees include a carving station featuring prime rib served with homemade rolls. horseradish and au jus, marinated baked chicken, baked catfish with mushroom cream sauce, pasta station including up to 13 items to choose from and prepared in front of the guest, omelet bar and waffle station with toppings galore, deluxe salad bar with an abundance of toppings and dressings, assorted cakes and pies, cheesecake, lots of vegetables and your favorite breakfast entrees. For reservations, call 434-2490.

#### White Water Rafting Trip

Register at outdoor recreation by May 1 for this trip to Chattanooga to ride the white water of the Ocoee River May 30 to June 1. Cost is \$155 per person and includes transportation, lodging, three meals and rafting. A \$55 deposit is required when registering with the balance due by May 23. For more information, call 434-2505.

#### Youth Center Idol Competition

Register by May 12 at the Youth Center for the competition scheduled for 7 p.m. May 30. Practice meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. May 13. For more information, call 434-2504.

#### Canoe, Camping Trip

The outdoor adventure staff offers this overnight trip May 24 to 25. Cost is \$30 per person and includes transportation, canoes, tents, sleeping bags, cookout dinner, breakfast and water. Must have 10 registered and paid by May 15 to offer. For more information, call 434-7861.

#### **Ballroom Dance Classes**

The Youth Center offers these classes for youth and adults from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. The fitness center also offers a class Monday nights at 7 p.m. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, east coast swing, tango, rumba and cha-cha. No partner required. Cost is \$4 per person per class. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504 or the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

#### **Operation Purple**

Free summer camp for military kids with parents who have been, are currently or

will be deployed. This program is open to children ages 11 to 13 years old and is scheduled for June 8-14 in Tishomingo, Miss. Applications will only be accepted on line. Sign up at www.operationpurple.org to receive email notices and camp updates. Located in the northeast corner of the state, Crow's Neck Environmental Education Center has been a leader in experiential ("hands on") learning for 15 years. Situated on a peninsula, jutting into the north end of 6,600-acre beautiful Bay Springs Lake, the Center is the heart of a 530-acre resource characterized by rolling, forested hills nestled along the lake's rugged, meandering shoreline. Crow's Neck is all about building bonds and working together and making kids feel good about themselves and being comfortable in this unique woodland setting. We are known for our "legendary service" and accommodating staff. We do what it takes to make visitors feel good about being here and believe we are ready, willing and able to offer an exceptional Operation Purple® Camp.

For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

#### **Family Pool Party**

The Youth Center offers an end of school family pool party from 7:30 to 10 p.m. May 23. Children, ages 12 and younger, must be accompanied by a parent. Admission is to bring a covered dish to share. For more information, call 434-2504.

#### **Summer Day Camp**

The Youth Center offers this program for grades 1 through 6 starting May 27. Camp is from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday. Parents must pay a \$10 non-refundable deposit per week per child. Fees are based on total family income. For more information, call 434-2504.

#### Orlando Tour

Put your trip on lay-a-way at the information, ticket and travel office for this trip scheduled for June 17 to 22. Tour includes transportation, hotel on International Drive, daily breakfast, shuttle service to and from the theme parks. Discount tickets are available through the ITT office. Cost is \$700 for single room, \$780 for two to a room, \$810 for three to a room, \$830 for four to a room and \$850 for five in a room. For more information, call 434-2505.

#### **Tannehill Trade Days**

A great day of learning for the whole family. Join the outdoor adventure tour to Tannehill State Park June 21. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation, day use admission and picnic sack lunch. The bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Must have 20 registered and paid by June 1. Activities include an iron and steel museum, mini train ride, fishing in the creek, pioneer farm, sweet shop, country store, gristmill, cotton gin and 45 other historic buildings. For more information, call 434-2505.

#### Personal Trainer Available

The Fitness Center now has a personal trainer available and is accepting new clients. Free consultation sessions are available. Individual sessions are \$12.50 for 30-minutes or \$25.00 per hour. Contact Lindsey Stinets at 662-425-6982 or email lstinets@hotmail.com.

## AROUND TOWN

Market Street Festival: The 13th Annual Market Street Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday in Columbus, Miss. The times for the events Saturday are from 7 p.m. to midnight and 9 a.m. to midnight Sunday. This event was voted a Southeast Tourism Top 20 Event. For more information, visit www.marketstreetfestival.com or call 328-6305.

Summer Day Camp: The Columbus Lowndes Recreation Authority will host a summer day camp May 29 through July 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for school aged children ages 5 to 12 at Propst Park Activity Center. Cost is \$55 per child per week. Space is limited and participants must pre-register. Children will participate in a vast variety of games, arts and crafts and other recreational materials to

keep our campers busy and stimulate their recreational and education growth. From bowling to skating, guest speakers to swimming, the children will be provided every opportunity to learn and expand their recreational and educational experience while having tons of fun. The CLRA summer day camp is licensed by the Mississippi State Board of Health. For more information, call 327-4935

Senior Citizens Dance: There will be a senior citizens dance featuring live music by "The ECHOES" every first and third Saturday night from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Propst Park Activity Center in Columbus, Miss. Admission is \$4 and snack and soft drinks will be available. This is event is alcohol and smoking free. For more information, call 327-4935.

Magnolia Motor Speedway: There will be an open wheel modified 4 crown series held May 25 at the Magnolia Motor Speedway in Columbus, Miss., at 7 p.m. Rebel challenge super late models, late model stocks, street stock and NeSmith dirt late models will all be racing.

Appreciation Day: The 19th Annual Hamilton Appreciation Day is scheduled for June 28 at Hamilton High School, which is 10 minutes from CAFB. There will be fun for the entire family.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

# Sports Shorts

Princess Open - A Ladies Night Out: The golf course is hosting this event starting May 9 at 3 p.m. It's a three-person scramble with dinner at 5 p.m. and Texas Hold'em at 6 p.m. This "Ladies Only" event is limited to the first 18 teams to register but you must register and pay by noon May 6th. There are 4 choices of entry: all day, which is \$35 plus greens fees and includes 9 holes of golf, tee prizes, beverages, dinner and the games; golf only, which is \$15 plus greens fees and includes golf, tee prizes and beverages; golf and dinner only, which is \$25 plus greens fees and includes golf, tee prizes beverages and dinner; dinner and Texas Hold'em games only, which is \$25 per person and includes dinner and the games. Golf Carts are an extra \$7.50 per person. For more information, call 434-7932.

**No Tap Bowling, Steak Night:** The Bowling Center offers this special tournament May 9 starting at 6 p.m. with a steak dinner and bowling begins at 7 p.m. Entry is \$15 per person and includes bowling, prize fund and steak dinner. Participants must register at the Bowling Center by May 8.

Summer Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

**Cosmic Bowling:** Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

**America's Kids Run:** This event will take place May 10 at 8 a.m. at the Youth Center parking lot. It is open to all ages. Participants must register at the Youth Center.

**Open Pick Tournaments:** Pick a pro player by 9 a.m. on Saturday and you have your team for these fun weekend tournaments. These are handicapped events which gives everyone an equal chance. Entry is \$10 per person plus greens fees. The Players Championship Pick Tournament is May 10 and 11. The US Open Pick is June 14 and 15. The US Women's Open Pick is June 28 and 29.

3-Club Tournament: This fun tour-

nament scheduled for 9 a.m. May 17 requires players to carry only three clubs to play with during the tournament. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees and is handicapped. Register no later than noon May 16 at the pro shop.

**Triathlon:** This triathlon will take place May 31. There will be a 750 meter swim, 20K biking event, and a 5K run. Participants will start and stop at the Columbus Club. Check in at 6:45 a.m., race meeting at 7:45 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 for individuals or \$30 for team if pre-registered. Cost will be \$25 and \$35 the day of the event. There will be twelve age categories for those 15 and older. Awards will be given for the top male and female finisher per age group, the op three male and female overall, the top male and female military and the top team. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

McGladrey Team Championship: Whispering Pines Golf Course is accepting registration of area golfers who may form a threesome to compete in a local qualifying event, July 26, which is the first leg of a journey to earn a berth in the 2008 PGA McGladrey Team Championship. Teams may register on line at www.PGA.com/teamchampionship or by calling the Golf Course at 434-7932. The registration deadline is July 18. The section championship will be Aug. 18 at the Carter Plantation golf Course in Springfield, LA and the National Championship will be conducted Oct. 20-22 at the Pinehurst NC Resort. Amateur players will receive 50 percent of their course handicap allowance based on the tees being played.

**USAF Marathon:** Air Education and Training Command is seeking teams for the 12th annual USAF Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20 at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. Events include the marathon, wheelchair marathon, half marathon, individual 10K and team 10K. If you desire to run as a part of the AETC sponsored team submit your team/individual nominations on AF Form 303, Specialized Sports Training, to the Fitness Center. More information on the Air Force Marathon can be obtained at http://www.usafmarathon.com.

**Join the Marvel Heroes Bowling Club:** Bowl for 12 weeks starting June 5 and every Thursday at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per week and is open to all ages. Participants will bowl two games each week and at the end of the 12 weeks, bowlers receive their choice of their favorite Marvel Heroes bowling ball. Balls may be purchased for \$140 each if you do not wish to participate in the league.

## Strongest female



U.S. Air Force photo Senior Airman Domonique Simmons

Master Sgt. Tina Robinson squats 300 pounds at the fitness center at an air base in Southwest Asia. She was named "Strongest (female) in the AOR" recently after placing first in the women's category of an Air Forces Central powerlifting competition. Sergeant Robinson, deployed from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., is the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron first sergeant.

